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NOR'BY EAST

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CASCO BAY - MAINE FALL '71 - WINTER '72

Beware of half-truths — most people will select the wrong half.



Trash Picker Becomes Artist's Model

by Gretchen Hall



"Then it wasn't done from a photograph?"

The group of half a dozen people started along the right hand wall of the Peaks Island Art Gallery, as visitors to the gallery almost invariably do. In less than a minute they had taken in what they cared to of the pictures in the first section, only to stop short before the quietly compelling eyes of the portrait of "mister Lerman" that dominated the second section. This was again what gallery visitors in 1971 can be counted on to do.

"Isn't he the man who looks through the trash around Monument Square?"

"Name's Lerman, I think. Who painted the picture?"

"Tom Nedeau. He saw Lerman on the street a number of times, and then asked him into his studio to sit for the painting."

By that time, the dozen people now in the small gallery had formed a semi-circle all looking at the portrait.

"I wonder if he'll ever find what he's really looking for?" someone commented.

"At least he's still looking."

"I'm still looking for something out of life even if I'm not really sure what it is."

"Tom thought Mr. Lerman had found what he was looking for better than most of us. You can see he painted a happy man, enjoying the world he lives in."

"Interesting how he painted him in the lower corner of the picture. Morris is a small man."

"Tom said he painted him that way because he is a loner. But you can see that he sincerely likes people and wishes everybody well, even if talking with people would be a problem for him."

"A photograph catches only a moment of expression. Tom Nadeau picked up the living personality from hours of watching the man directly — the way portrait painters had to work before photography was invented."

While the rest of the group continued the round of the gallery, one of the men sat by the desk to tell me that he had known Morris Lerman's father, who had run a second-hand store in Portland when the boys were growing up. "He made it into a furniture store later," he said. "I remember how he always wore a derby. Morris must be a good sixty by now. He's been around the street just like he is now for a long time. His twin brother is all right."

"Tom told me that Morris was just bright enough to get along the way he does. I think it's wonderful how his family never insisted on taking over his life for him."

International Weekend

International Weekend on the Casco Bay Islands is now just a memory. And for those of us involved, a delightful memory. It is a memory which lingers in our minds — one to ponder on a long, cold winter night. A memory to savor as one savors the memory of all things which are enchanting.

The Casco Bay Island Development Association has sponsored International Weekend for 8 years, and each year, its success grows. It grows because the people who live on the islands are real people. We are neither pretentious nor ostentatious — nor can we pretend to be what we aren't.

And because this is so, the foreign guests who have come into our homes and lives — whose presence has been a rewarding and enriching experience — keep returning. And, hopefully, their lives too, are enriched by our small bit of Americanism.

This year, families from the Diamonds, Peaks, Long, and Chebeague were hosts.

The following stories tell, in part, that International Weekend has been, and will continue to be, a tremendous success.

by Binkie Dennett

Actually, it was the United Nations Press Correspondents Group or representatives thereof, who arrived at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, August 12, 1971, all 13 of them, strangers in a strange land, who departed on the following Monday from the same place, firm friends and strong advocates of the beauties and "way of life" of Casco Bay.

The group included correspondents from France, Jordan, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Canada, giving fairly good world coverage.

The internationally minded hosts were: Alice and Elizabeth Brackett, Augusta Breed, Gordon and Margaret Trower, Elizabeth Weiss, and Lou & Binkie Dennett.

And the entertainment: lobstering early morning on Friday, a sail around the bay with the Layngs (and the weather cooperated!) and dinner "out" at other Chebeaguers' homes on Friday night. Saturday was happily occupied with getting the Monhegan Race off to a good start, courtesy of the Portland Power Squadron, and a picnic rendezvous of the entire group in Casco Bay on Little Chebeague. A lovely cocktail hour at the Ballards Boathouse hosted by Betty Healy and the Stavropoulos's proved a delightful get-together, and that night, hosts and guests either attended the Annual Meeting of the Chebeague Island Council or relaxed at home. Sunday all foregathered for a clambake sponsored by John and Fran Calder (see elsewhere) and the food and the company were superior.

And so we come to the departure Monday morning which, except for running over the suitcase of one of the guests, was outstanding for mutual appreciation and enjoyment, many cordial invitations to "come and see us and the United Nations in New York", and a feeling, generally shared, that of such good and heart-warming encounters can come better international understanding and world peace.

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OUR GOOD NEIGHBOR

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CONSUMERS AND THE PUC

A vacancy exists on the Public Utilities Commission due to the death of David K. Marshall last June. The Governor will no doubt have named his choice to fill this vacancy by the time this paper is published. It will need confirmation by the Executive Council.

The Casco Bay Island Development Association is on record with the Governor by letter in support of his stated position that the vacancy should be filled by a member whose primary obligation is toward the consumer. A consumer protection group called COMBAT has been urging a consumer appointment for the past several months.

Only with more consumer representation on the PUC can the various issues concerning the public be more satisfactorily dealt with. This includes the matter of transportation in the Casco Bay area.

Past efforts to exert PUC pressure toward certain improvements which the boat riding public feel are necessary, have resulted in disappointment — especially the recent decision that further navigational aids such as radar are not necessary. The time and effort spent in long involved public hearings, the legal expense, and the reams of testimony seem to add up to "much ado about nothing". It is true that some improved requirements have been spelled out by the PUC (see adjacent news story). Some, such as sanitation have been done before but failed in enforcement.

Island residents will do well to keep the pressure on, watch for results and hope for an improved Public Utilities Commission.

It's better to understand a little —
than to misunderstand a lot. . .

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PUC Slaps Bay Lines With New Regulations

BY: FRANK SLEEPER

The Public Utilities Commission lightly rapped the knuckles of Casco Bay Lines in a 12 page ruling based on a nine month investigation of CBL service and facilities.

The PUC told Casco Bay Lines that it should maintain a log of its scheduled operations, something it doesn't do now. The log, at the end of each month, should be forwarded to the PUC's director of transportation.

It should show specifically scheduled and actual arrival and departure times at all points CBL serves. If the actual arrival or departure time is not within 10 minutes of the scheduled arrival or departure, reasons must be given for being off schedule and should be noted in the log, the PUC ordered.

The PUC said it couldn't find an accurate record by CBL of off schedule trips in its investigation.

The PUC ordered CBL to "make every reasonable effort to maintain its published schedule on time."

This investigation resulted from several written complaints from Casco Bay Islands' residents and a request by the Portland City Council.

The requirements for the log and for trips being declared off schedule if they were more than 10 minutes late were the most stringent of the PUC rulings.

The investigation found that CBL cancels a little more than 1.2 per cent of its scheduled trips. The PUC called that percentage "not substantial."

"While we appreciate the inconvenience caused by cancellations to one living on the island, it occurs to us that this is a risk of island living which is to some extent unavoidable", the PUC said.

At the same time, the commission said CBL should reduce cancellations which are within its control, those attributed to scheduling, personell, and equipment.

It warned CBL that it should discontinue any practices of using weather conditions as an excuse for cancellations, if, in fact, hazardous weather conditions don't exist.

It ordered CBL to have enough personell on standby to resume operations on two hours notice.

The PUC said CBL must make more effort to announce short notice changes in its schedules with courteous verbal notices of schedule information and with up-to-date information on bulletin boards in waiting areas.

The regulatory agency ruled that CBL does not need more navigational aids, especially radar, installed aboard its vessels. Weather cancellations account for less than one per cent of CBL scheduled trips. Better navigational aids, thus, wouldn't be worth the added expense.

Cost of installing radar might actually bring a rate increase, the PUC pointed out. "If so, we question whether we would be doing that which all the Casco Bay Lines patrons favor by ordering radar installation", the PUC declared.

The PUC found that CBL sanitary facilities "do not always meet a standard of adequacy".

CBL toilets on Custom House wharf have been found locked or full of life preservers and without water or towels.

The toilets should be kept open to the public (which doesn't exclude pay toilets) during periods of the day when one would expect access to them. More close policing of such facilities is needed, the PUC said.

Inspection of toilets is adequate, according to the PUC, but there's a question whether action to correct inadequacies is taken rapidly enough. The PUC ordered that toilets on Custom House Wharf and on ferries for public use should be "adequately cleaned and equipped with towels, toilet paper, and soap."

LATE NEWS DEVELOPMENTS

* CBIDA president Peter Cioffi has accepted a position with the Maine Department of Economic Development. He is in charge of that agencies community relations program in York County.

* No new directions resulted from the special meeting called by ten members on October 2 to consider an alternate proposal to the International Center Plan. Several members pointed out that CBIDA, being non-profit, could not appropriately sponsor a condominium housing development. Sponsor of the alternate plan proposal, John C. Kilday, was elected to the Steering Committee.

* In reference to our editorial on this page, the Governor has named 29 year old Peter Bradford of Brunswick, a former aid to the Governor for the past three years. Bradford's appointment has met with general favor among consumer groups. An attorney, Bradford has demonstrated his concern for consumer protection by having served with Naiders Raiders before joining the state government. He is well acquainted with CBIDA and has been helpful in a number of occasions when called upon for advice.

* Delay in issuance of this paper resulted from unforeseen circumstances. WE ARE STILL IN THE MARKET FOR A PUBLISHER AND ADVERTISING MANAGER.

* The entire slate of officers was elected by overwhelming vote by the membership. an additional four members of the Steering Committee were elected by write-in nominations. They are Kenneth Zemla, George Sterling and Ansel Sterling - of Peaks, and Peter T. McLaughlin of CBL.

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Prominent businessman and philan-
thropist Robert A. G. Monks met
with CBIDA officers at the Dec. 4
Steering Committee meeting to dis-
cuss various ideas pertaining to
the Casco Bay Islands.

He presented a number of helpful
suggestions and indicated his inter-
est in Casco Bay island's community
activities. Both Mr. and Mrs. Monks
have joined CBIDA as regular mem-
bers.

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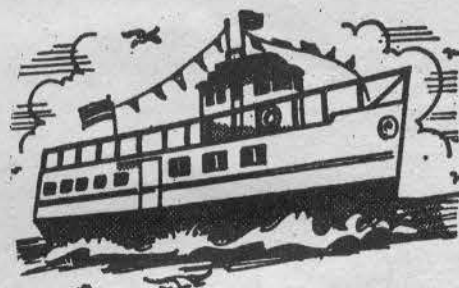
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Children and pets (including a pet skunk) attended. Mrs. W. Russell Edwards and children; Mrs. Robert Laughlin (G.D.) and Mrs. Edward McDonald, Peaks.



The Buccaneer puts in at Peaks.

ANNUAL MEETING



Merrill in pensive mood aboard the Buccaneer.

When islanders venture to each other's island there is always an air of mystery. Will the weather be good? Will many make the trip? Will the host island be glad to receive inter-islanders?

The answer to all of these were yes, three fold when CBIDA held its annual meeting on Chebeague Island on September 25. Chartering the House Island based Buccaneer there were pick-ups at each island, and Chebeague Island hosts could not have done more to make the event a huge success. Picnic lunch in the beautiful orchard of Lou and Bincknie Dennett; host cars—ten of them—to move the visitors around the considerable miles on Chebeague; and a packed hall for the meeting and program—all made the day complete.

Gary Merrill, distinguished actor, enthralled the group with his poetry readings from Robert Frost and Carl Sandburg plus miscellany.

All officers of CBIDA were nominated for reelection and the Steering Committee was expanded. This was the thirteenth annual meeting of the Association.

All Photos by: Leon S. Clough



W. Russell Edwards, steering committee, in moment of discussion with Peter Cioffi, president.

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HIGHLIGHT



Gary Merrill and Bea Chapman lead group disembarking at Chebeague.



A corner of the orchard party at the Dennett's beautiful home.

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INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND

by Rhea W. Ansorge
Great Diamond

1971 was the first year we were able to fully enter into the CBIDA program for visiting United Nation correspondents. In past years, our children were always with us during August. However, we had met in other years serve al U.N. families who had been on Great Diamond and, with the help of some friends, put on a tea. Also, we had helped on the dinner our island gave some years ago.

This time our time was free, so we signed up for house guests — and what a wonderful experience it was! In no time at all, we were good friends and on a first name basis.

Our guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Barsdell, of Canberra, Australia. Mr. Barsdell is Director of the Australian News & Information Bureau, in New York City, and actively in touch with the United Nations affairs and a member of the Diplomatic Corps. They have two sons, one still in Australia and the other in New York City, taking special courses at Columbia University.

They were most interesting and thoughtful guests — actually just like members of our own family. Mrs. Barsdell even brought along her rubber gloves to take over washing the dishes — and her husband proved to be a good dish dryer! They preferred simple meals — as do we — so meals were no problem. A typical Maine treat for them was much appreciated — lobsters and blueberries. They were especially fond of fish, and with mackrel running good, we kept them well supplied. Mrs. Barsdell even caught one herself, which made it doubly enjoyable.

Certainly we hope to be part of the program next year, and we urge others who have not had this opportunity to give it serious thought in 1972. For us, it was a happy experience we will long remember.



Mrs. Edward McDonald, Peaks hostess, with lobster kettle at international picnic. Below, delegate from Jordan is group's leader.

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CBIDA Issues Progress Report

At the annual meeting on Chebeague a Progress Report relative to the proposed International Center was distributed. This report will be mailed to all members in the near future.

Significant in the report was the first published accounting of the financial obligations which CBIDA has met during the course of this project including:

- * \$10,629 paid in interest to bondholders
- * 3,259.73 taxes to City of Portland
- * 4,199.37 building lot surveys
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Objectives of the project were stated as follows:

- ** To develop a resource which can contribute to international understanding through personal relations, conferences, discussions and entertainment. ** To enhance the community and state of Maine by providing stimulating cultural and educational activities in which local and state citizens can participate.

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CLAMBAKE ON CHEBEAGUE

by Fran Calder

Due to previous commitments, John and I were unable to act as a host family. But, because we felt that International Weekend was an important part of helping to establish a better understanding between our country and its people and those of other countries, we decided to do our part with a clambake.

So, with the help of Lou and Binckie Dennett, who provided their beautiful orchard in which to eat; of Ray Newcomb, who dug bushels of tender, white Chebeague Island clams; thirteen hungry International visitors; and the good Lord, who provided us with perfect weather, the entire function was a success.

There were more than enough clams, lots and lots of hot, melted butter, crisp garden-fresh cucumbers (commandeered from Lou Dennett's garden), hot fluffy biscuits (made from my grandmothers favorite recipe), a great big beautiful fresh blueberry pie (donated by Binckie's daughter, Betsey Campbell), and plenty of cold beer.

Only a few of the guests knew how to eat steamed clams, but after a lesson or two, it didn't take them long to learn what to eat and what not to. Conversation was at a minimum during the bake—all were too busy eating. But after it was over, one of the women guests told me that if she ate like that all the time, she'd have to pay overweight fare on the Plane!!!

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NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Casco Bay Islands Development Association, Inc. Its principal place of business shall be City of Portland, Cumberland County, State of Maine, and its existence shall be perpetual. This corporation shall be primarily concerned with the islands in the Bay.

PURPOSE OF THE CORPORATION*

Said corporation is organized exclusively for the promotion of social welfare, the common good and general community welfare of all the people residing in the Casco Bay Island Area, so-called, including for such purpose, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

To assist in guiding the land utilization of the Casco Bay Islands for the maximum benefit of the people of Maine with special consideration for protection of the environment.

To bring to island residents and visitors a variety of educational, recreational and social welfare benefits appropriate to both year round and seasonal residents.

To initiate plans and development activity toward the creation of a cultural, recreational and educational center as conceived in the Peaks Island Vacation and Conference Center - as a non-profit facility for international, state and local uses.

To relate specific development proposals to the Casco Bay region as a unique coastal community within the aegis of the County and State governments.

To develop "pride in the community" activities involving the youth of the area and assist in broadening the learning experiences which can hopefully enable the coming generations to carry on the quality of life cherished in this coastal area.

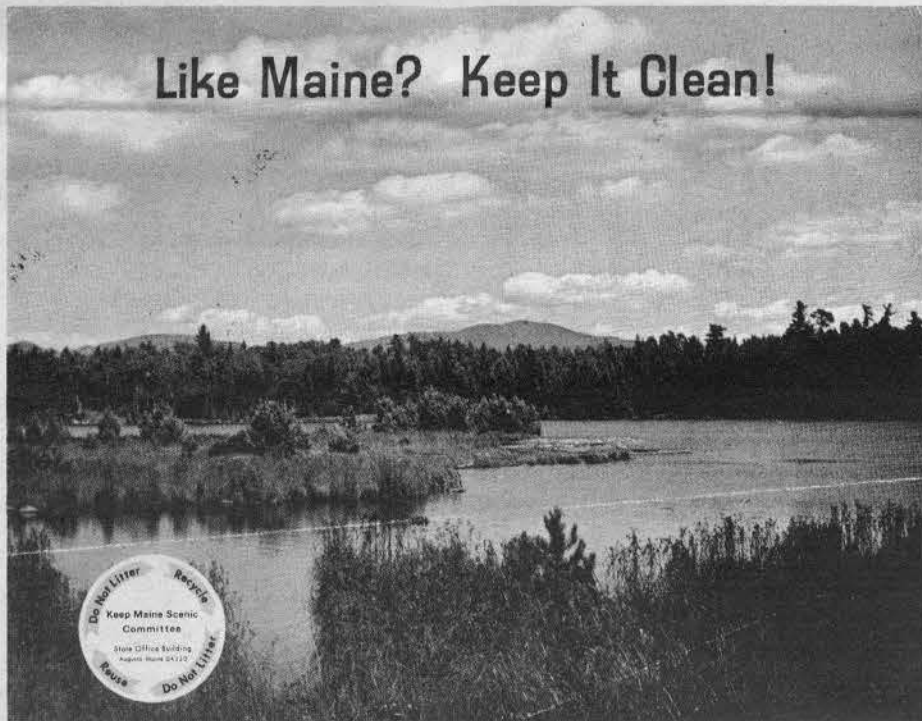
The corporation may sponsor cooperative planning, research, fund raising, accept gifts, public education programs, administer property, trusts and undertake such other services and programs as are deemed necessary to encourage participation and appreciation of the Casco Bay Area and the purposes of this corporation.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Association shall consist of residents of the Casco Bay Islands area and other interested persons, permanent or seasonal, who pay membership dues as provided in the by-laws.

* This material is taken directly from the CBIDA Charter

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The 28-foot, lobster-type boat began to leave astern the dock at Cousins Island taking Kelley, a public telephone coin collector, on one of his routes — admittedly one that's not too tough to take on a good day.

It's the Casco Bay island route — a day-long trek that covers about 35 miles by boat for the collection of 22 coin telephones scattered among seven of the 350-odd islands in the bay.

The route is only collected twice a year. The June run doesn't produce that much revenue but it provides a check on the equipment to prepare for the busy summer months.

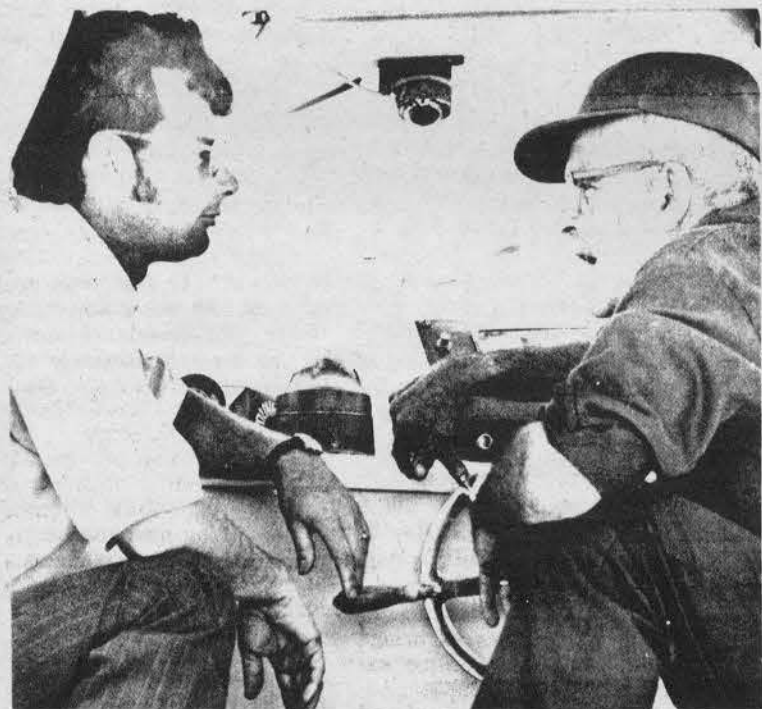
By Labor Day the stations will be ready for their second collection. The island public telephones, however, are more of a public service than revenue producers.

A good example of what does happen to the island public telephone business is Chebeague Island, largest of the "calendar islands" of Casco Bay. Chebeague has 300 or so residents in the winter but that figure soars to 1,800 or more in the summer.

There are four public telephones and one semi-public phone on Chebeague.

Kelley, a former accounting department office boy and a collector for about a year now, travels the route aboard the Me-Ma, owned and operated by Chebeague Islander Clyde Bowen.

The route starts from Cousins Island, which is connected by bridge to the mainland, and goes by boat to Chebeague, Cliff, Long, Great Diamond, Little Diamond, Peaks and back to Cousins.



(Above) Portland Public Telephone Coin Collector John J. Kelley checks route book as he starts collection of 22 pay stations on seven islands scattered throughout Casco Bay.

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on the Sea

(Left) Kelley and Clyde Bowen, owner of rented boat, talk as 28-foot vessel plies between islands.

(Right) With Clyde Bowen and his boat Me-Ma tied at dock, Kelley starts half-mile trek to lone pay station on Great Diamond Island.



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Progress At Ft. Williams

Cape Elizabeth is moving cautiously in the direction of turning much of Fort Williams into a coastal science park in line with a proposal made several weeks ago by The Research Institute of the Gulf of Maine (TRIGOM).

Last week, after searching debate, the town council gave a qualified endorsement to the project, which has an optimum price tag of \$25 millions, by way of a seven-point resolution. And to make sure there is no misunderstanding, the council emphasized that the resolution is only a statement of intent, and not a legal agreement with TRIGOM.

Now the resolution is in the hands of the town's planning board, which will be asked to recommend a zoning pattern for the fort if the plan is made effective. The resolution also asks assurance from TRIGOM, within the next year, that at least one major tenant will establish research or other facilities. And it further sought a

commitment from TRIGOM's board of directors no later than May 1 that it raise \$900,000 to renovate buildings on the site to be used as research facilities.

On the heels of this resolution came word that the N.E. Regional Commission had made a \$75,000 grant to TRIGOM for planning. There are, however, some stipulations in the grant that may cause problems. The research agency only gets \$25,000 right away, and part of this is contingent on town endorsement of the project. Before it can secure the next \$30,000 the town must approve zoning, while the final \$20,000 will not be paid until the town signs a lease with TRIGOM.

We have approved the planning study, which is basic to the entire project, but the town council must apparently commit itself to a considerable degree before even this \$75,000 is available. So the hard part is yet to come, and it will require more affirmative action than the town council has yet shown.

CONGRATULATIONS NEIGHBORS !

It is with real pleasure that we salute our friends at TRIGOM on their recent developments.

President David Fink is a friend of CBIDA - and frequent dialogue is enjoyed with him relative to our respective aims, problems and comparisons.

TRIGOM has been at work for almost the same number of years as CBIDA on their "dream". We share common areas of disbelief that either of these developments will ever become reality. But as each hard earned step is achieved, what helps one, also helps the other.

We publish this news item largely for the benefit of our many out-of-state readers who, we feel sure, will be equally pleased.

City Is Accused Of Blocking Plan For Bay Islands

By BOB CUMMINGS

Proposals for a Casco Bay Islands Trust to preserve the unique scenic, historic and recreational values of the 324 Calendar Islands that stretch from Phippsburgh to Cape Elizabeth appear to have collapsed.

The U. S. Department of the Interior plan announced just a year ago envisioned the islands of the Casco Bay as serving as guinea pigs for a national system of trusts to protect fragile island environments.

But the bright promise has died in the Maine Legislature and the halls of Congress.

Stanley T. Bennett of Portland, a member of the islands trusts committee of the Natural Resources Committee of Maine, charges the bill finally passed by the Maine legislature last spring had been weakened to the point of impotence.

AND THE PROMISE of national support — and financing — also has faded, Bennett says.

Writing in the current newsletter of the NRC, Bennett reports "congressional backing of the national legislation has been nil. The bill isn't even at the committee stage."

"Sen. Muskie, who had originally intended to sponsor the bill, and Sen. Smith, who have been the cosponsor, have taken a wait and see attitude. Congressman Kyros seems to have taken a similar passive stand."

As originally envisioned the state and federal legislation provided for development of master plans and zoning ordinances and for the acquisition of land and easements by a commission acting "in trust" for the public.

The Commission would have included representatives of the federal and state governments, residents of the islands themselves and of local governments.

BUT THE LEGISLATURE removed the critical power of

eminent domain — and even removed all reference to Casco Bay, leaving only vague legislation authorizing island "trusts" with few if any real powers or duties.

The Congress hasn't passed any bill at all.

The federal inaction bears out the prediction of Portland Planning Board chairman Harry Cummings at the legislative hearing last May.

Cummings had charged, "the feds have a habit of building hopes, authorizing dreams and funding peanuts."

But Congress isn't solely to blame. Cummings' prophesy was self-fulfilling.

The legislative weakening and the lack of Congressional interest stems largely from the opposition of Portland itself to the bill.

CITY OFFICIALS criticized the creation of another level of government with powers of eminent domain, the supposed inconsistencies in municipal boundaries and the funding provisions.

But Bennett charges the city seemed most worried over "the possibility that it might lose zoning control over the nine islands located within the city limits — islands which are possible sites for future industrial and housing developments and thus sources of tax benefits to Portland."

Bennett thinks the only chance remaining for a special governmental agency to preserve the islands "is to enlist the support of the islanders themselves."

"If it could be shown to a special session of the 105th Legislature that a large number of the people directly affected are in favor, perhaps local governmental opposition could be overlooked."

And he thinks renewed local efforts might encourage the national politicians who are taking a wait and see attitude.

DED Coordinator Appointed For York County



In a major effort to step up its economic development programs for Maine, the Department of Economic Development has just completed an intensive week-long training of eight new district coordinators who began work in their respective territories Monday, Nov. 15.

Peter O. Cioffi, formerly of Newtonville, Mass., has been named to serve as district coordinator for economic District A which encompasses all of York County. Cioffi, his wife and five children are presently in process of moving to York County.

A graduate of New Mexico State University where he received an M.S. degree in mathematics in 1951, Cioffi also holds a B.S. degree from Northeastern University.

Cioffi is experienced in marketing and sales and brings to his new job extensive experience in computer technology. He was employed

most recently as sales representative for Data Pathing, Inc. of Berlin, Conn. Prior to working for Data Pathing he was vice president for marketing and sales of Keydata Corporation of Watertown, Mass.

In addition to his marketing and development background, Cioffi has also been an assistant professor of mathematics and physics at Lowell Technical Institute and was employed by RCA Aviation Systems Laboratory in Waltham, Mass., and also the Digital Computer Laboratory at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In addition to his professional interests, Cioffi is president of the Casco Bay Island Development Association, is active in civic affairs, and is a licensed pilot and radio operator.



It's hard to hang a Christmas ornament that's good enough to eat.

Maine island school



The older children help the little ones hang popcorn on the top branches of the tree.

1942. Presiding like a strict but loving mother or a large, old-fashioned family, Mrs. Doughty imparts to her charges the Yankee values of cleanliness, manners, patriotism and Christian virtue. Dressed smartly in red, white and blue the day *Maine Times* visited, Mrs. Doughty, whose husband is a lobsterman, calls her 18 charges together by striking a chord on her piano. The morning exercises feature the singing of the Flag Song and the Morning Hymn.

Progressive educators might frown on the high standards of order and decorum required ("David, sit up straight now, and put your feet on the floor"), but Island children, ranging from kindergarten through 6th grade, seem to thrive on their diet of structure and love. Interest, concern and discipline are dished out in equal parts. Mrs. Doughty, a teacher for 35 years, grey-haired, straight-backed, looking far younger than her years (close to 70), possesses the basic key to good teaching: she enjoys children. "Some of them call me Mama," she confesses.

The materials on hand are the latest, an integrated Scott Foresman



The stockings were hung by the blackboard with care.



Even the youngest student can help trim the class tree.

Long Island, just a few miles offshore from Portland, but separated from the mainland by limited ferry service, runs on a different pulse than the mainland. Though it is part of Portland, impersonal city manners don't hold on the island. The school is a community school, and the bus driver is married to the cook (a good hot lunch every day) and the aide's husband keeps the roads clear for the bus. We leave with a feeling of regret, warmed by the smiles of the children, the islanders' friendly ways, and the steaming cup of tea pressed on us by the general storekeeper, as we watch through the store window for the lights of the approaching ferry.

by Peggy Fisher

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Island children string popcorn and cranberries in the traditional manner.

reading series, a tape recorder and various math puzzles and games. A motherly lady, Mrs. Mary Ross, a friend of Mrs. Doughty, comes in occasionally ("when the spirit moves me") as an unpaid aide, to see that the children get the kind of personal attention unheard of on the mainland.

Christmas preparations are strictly traditional; like their Yankee ancestors, these island folk make use of native materials and talent. The children string cranberries and popcorn to hang on their fragrant spruce tree. They bake cookies shaped like bells and stars; then agonize over having to hang them rather than eat them (Mrs. Doughty relents, and each child takes home a cookie that afternoon).

Much attention is given to preparing for their Christmas show, when all the islanders show up to watch their children perform. There are recitations of poetry, physical fitness demonstrations, instrumental pieces featuring drums, bells, sticks and wood blocks, a puppet show, and choral music. Prompting, urging, and gently reprimanding laggards, Mrs. Doughty guides the program from her position at the piano.

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Morning exercises include singing "The Flag Song."



Love is dispensed freely in the island school.

SURVEY REPORTED



SHALL WE DANCE?

by: Louise Dunham

Petite, vivacious, young looking - these all describe Mrs. Albert McCann, tap dancing teacher of Peaks Island.

Mrs. McCann is a World War II bride from England. Her training in England started early - in fact by the time she was five years old she and her sister and brother were touring England in a variety show which was produced by her father. Calling themselves the Green Trio, they sang and danced, played guitar and accordion right onto BBC.

Mrs. McCann loves children -- she has seven of her own - and teaching them is natural and fun. But the most amazing thing is that she has as many boys as girls - in ages from little ones to teenagers.

The favorite dance is the TRAIN. With Mrs. McCann as the engine, the children follow in size, to the tiniest who is the caboose.

So here is Mrs. McCann, doing her thing - and appealing to everyone - even to teenage boys.

A casual survey of the opinions of island travelers was conducted last summer by CBIDA.

While the volume of replies possibly could not be considered a "valid sample" of all who come and go, it was significant and interesting. In fact, the survey will be very helpful in planning for island improvements.

"Don't Commercialize"

If a single theme predominated it was this one. More respondents mentioned the charm of the undeveloped nature of the islands. Time and again people emphasized the unspoiled beauty and unhurried way of life, the friendliness of the people.

"Public Facilities Needed"

Rest rooms, both at CBL terminal (a constant source of irritation) and all individual islands were cited. One resident whose home is near the wharf says she is bothered all the time by visitors asking for accommodations. More public telephones were requested; and better maintenance of public areas - especially at the front of the islands where visiting public gains the first impression.

"Transportation"

Interestingly, CBL received more compliments than complaints from those who replied. For instance, a man signing himself as an agency

manager from Cicopee, Mass., said, "clean, frequent boats, efficient on-time schedules, better than bus service in Portland." Another respondent from Brooklyn, New York said "please accept thanks for very lovely service on your boats all during July - best we ever had anywhere. My wife is lame. All the boys helped her on the boat." On the other hand, a long time resident and island native cited need for more courtesy and consideration (especially from the management). Another retired summer resident was satisfied with everything "except Casco Bay Lines".

A number asked for published freight rates (a matter CBIDA will look into).

In summary, there were two to one compliments versus complaints.

"Sewage"

Many who responded were very upset about raw sewage going onto the beaches and into the water. (Help is possibly in sight for that one. The Portland Water District recently decided to include Peaks Island in its study of a regional treatment plant.)

"Medical Care and Police"

These two subjects received a goodly share of attention. Several respondents cited the need for a doctor, clinic or some type of medical care, particularly on populous Peaks

Full time police officers were requested frequently.

CLIFF GETS NATIONWIDE NOTICE

The inspiring story of how the residents of Cliff Island used initiative and enterprise to save their school won well deserved recognition in Time Magazine last summer.

In a nutshell, with a school population below the allowable number under state regulations, the community reached out for new residents. As an inducement, they renovated two houses and offered the island way of life to those less privileged. With the help of city officials a family with six children was located who welcomed the opportunity.

All has worked out well and the school is saved - at least for the time being.

Saving an Island School



VON TILING & STUDENTS
The lobstermen's catch.

TIME, AUGUST 16, 1971

Comments were received from Bailey Island, Chebeague Island, Long Island and Peaks.

GOOD NEWS!

THE CITY OF PORTLAND HAS APPROPRIATED \$78,000 IN THE 1972 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR RESTORATION OF SEASHORE AVENUE ON PEAKS ISLAND. THIS IS A MILESTONE LONG AWAITED BY THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR "ENGINEERING" PROJECT OCEANSIDE

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